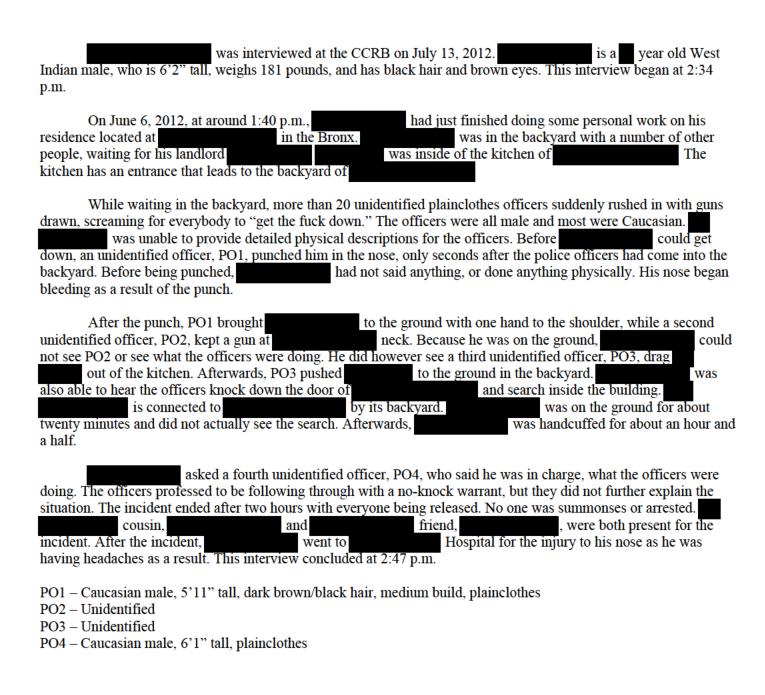
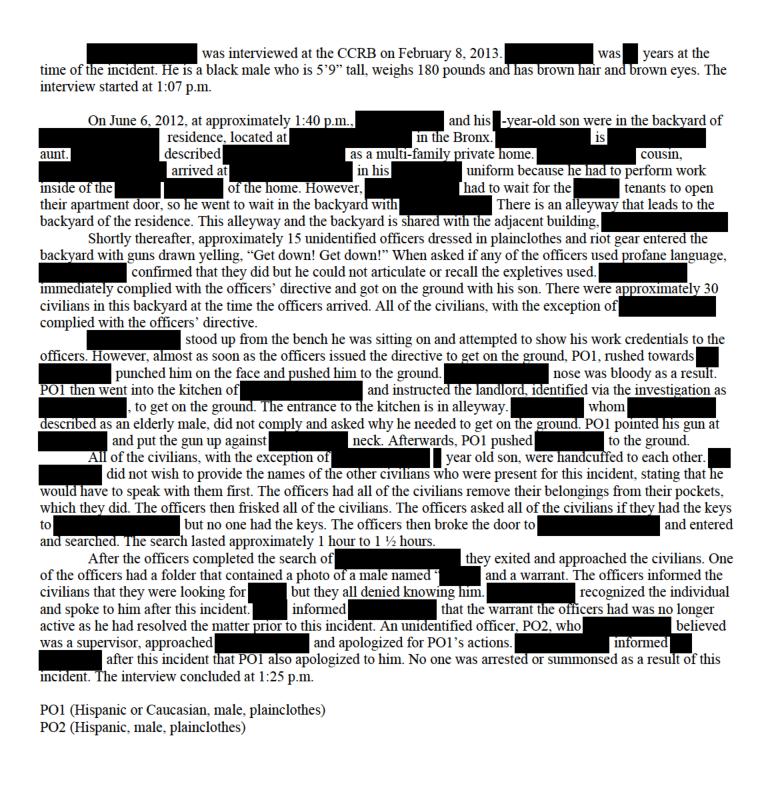
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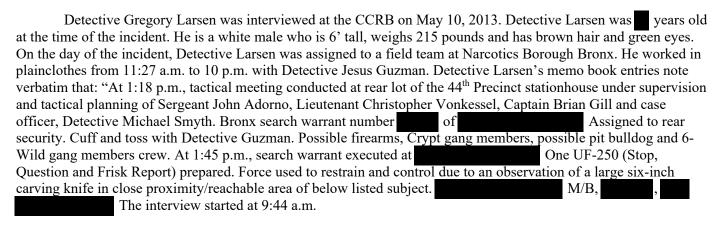
A group of approximately ten people was in the backyard of a multi-family residence in the Bronx. One man had finished doing repair work in his residence, and another was waiting for a tenant to return and open a unit so additional work could be done. Unbeknownst to them, officers were preparing to execute a search warrant on the building. When the officers arrived, they handcuffed the people in the backyard and searched the residence. The civilians stated that they complied with the officers' orders but that Detective Larsen nevertheless punched an individual and pointed his gun at him. When interviewed, Detective Larsen denied punching anyone but confirmed he did point his gun at an individual. He stated he did so because there were fifty people in the backyard, and no one was obeying any of the officers' commands to stay still. Detective Larsen testified that the people in the backyard resembled "the West Indian Day Parade or J'Ouvert" (both celebrations in Brooklyn in which large numbers of Black New Yorkers congregate). Detective Larsen also stated that there was a large carving knife on the scene, though he did not voucher it. No one was arrested and no evidence of any crime was obtained. No other officer corroborated Detective Larsen's testimony – another officer confirmed that there were no more than ten people in the backyard, that they all complied with the officers' commands, and that there was no knife.

The CCRB found that the search of the premise was exonerated because it had been executed under a legally obtained warrant, but substantiated allegations of excessive force against Detective Larsen and found that he made false official statements in his CCRB interview.

The NYPD closed the case as "previously adjudicated with discipline," but there is no record in the NYPD officer discipline database of prior discipline issued in connection with the incident.







On June 6, 2012, at approximately 1:18 p.m., Detective Larsen attended a tactical meeting in the rear lot of the 44th Precinct stationhouse. During this meeting, the history and layout of was discussed, as well as crime patterns. The field team was informed that they would likely encounter guns, a pit bulldog and gang members at the location. The Field Intelligence Officer, Sergeant Franklin Bohr from the Intelligence Criminal Section obtained the information relayed during the meeting. Sergeant Bohr obtained this information from a credible source, likely from a Confidential Informant, or from previous interactions and positive buys at the location. The Intelligence Criminal Section requested a search warrant for the location, but were unable to execute the warrant themselves. As such, Narcotics Borough Bronx was instructed to execute the search warrant. Detective Smyth was the assigned case officer. The warrant was for narcotics, guns and an unidentified subject. After the tactical meeting, the field team left the location. Detective Larsen left with Detective Guzman in an unmarked vehicle.

At approximately 1:45 p.m., the field team arrived at location. Detective Larsen was assigned to rear security with Detective Guzman. He recalled that there were other officers who assisted them with rear security but he was unable to identify these officers. Detective Larsen stated that other modules of Narcotics Borough Bronx had to assist them, as this was a large and dangerous operation. Part of the field team went to the entrance of the residence and prepared to take the door down as Detective Larsen, Detective Guzman and unidentified officers went past an iron gate to access the alleyway by the residence. This alleyway led to the backyard of

When Detective Larsen and the other officers entered the backyard, they identified themselves as officers and ordered everyone to get on the ground and not to move. Detective Larsen had his gun drawn when he entered the backyard. There were approximately 50 people in the backyard and the scene was completely chaotic. Several people fled the location by jumping over fences. Detective Larsen was completely terrified because he and his fellow officers were completely outnumbered and no one was obeying their orders. Detective Larsen was unsure what the civilians were doing in the backyard when they entered. Detective Larsen was also unsure if the civilians ran when the field team broke down the door to the residence or if they ran when the officers entered the backyard.

Detective Larsen recalled seeing a 6 inch carving knife on the ground, scattered bottles of alcoholic beverages and a strong odor of marijuana in the backyard. Although he could not recall what the civilians were doing in backyard, Detective Larsen stated that it appeared that the civilians had been loitering or congregating in the backyard. He described the scene as a large party, similar to the West Indian Day Parade or juvay. Detective Larsen stated that the chaotic scene caused him to fear serious injury or death. Detective Larsen did not say, "Get the fuck down," because he "does not speak that way." Detective Larsen did not use any profanity during the course of this incident. Detective Larsen did not hear any officers using profanity during this incident.

Detective Larsen immediately approached one of the males, later identified as
ordered him to stop moving. did not comply and continued to move. Detective Larsen was unable to
articulate the movements made by Detective Larsen could not recall punching Detective Larsen was the only officer who interacted with Detective Larsen did not see any officer
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punching went to the ground. Detective Larsen could not recall whether
was pushed to the ground or if he went to the ground on his own. Detective Larsen feared for his safety
when was on the ground because he had his hands tucked underneath him and the carving knife was
within arm's reach. Detective Larsen feared that
his hands. Ultimately, Detective Larsen handcuffed Detective Larsen could not recall pointing his
gun at neck, face or head. Detective Larsen stated that he likely pointed his gun at
but not at his neck, face or head.
Detective Larsen could not recall seeing an elderly male at the location. Detective Larsen did not interact with any other individuals besides Detective Larsen did not see an officer pushing or dragging Detective Larsen did not know what happened with the individuals who fled. Detective Larsen did not know whether officers pursued these individuals. Detective Larsen could not recall any statements made by past that he is an employee of after which he produced his identification card to him. did not make any complaints of pain or injury nor did he have any visible injuries. Detective Larsen and the other officers
in the backyard waited until the warrant was executed, which he indicated was a prolonged period of time. Detective
Smyth vouchered several narcotics-related items from the residence. After the warrant had been executed, Detective
Larsen prepared a UF-250 report for and released him. The other officers also prepared UF-250
reports for all of the other civilians that were detained in the backyard during the execution of the warrant.
Afterwards, the officers left the location.

Detective Larsen could not recall whether the unidentified subject was apprehended. However, he recalled that no one was brought to the stationhouse. Detective Larsen left the carving knife on the ground and never vouchered it. He stated, "In hindsight, I should have vouchered it." Detective Larsen explained that he did not voucher the knife because it was not used in the commission of a crime and because no one was ultimately taken into police custody. The interview concluded at 10:09 a.m.

Detective Jesus Guzman was interviewed at the CCRB on August 7, 2013. Detective Guzman was a years old at the time of the incident. He is a Hispanic man who is 5'5" tall, weighs 180 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes. On the day of the incident, Detective Guzman was assigned to a field team at Narcotics Borough Bronx. He worked in plainclothes from 9:27 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Detective Gregory Larsen. Detective Guzman's memo book notes verbatim that: "At 1 p.m., vicinity of 44th Precinct for buy and bust at started at 9:03 a.m.

On June 6, 2012, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Detective Guzman and Detective Larsen went to assist the 44th Precinct Module of Narcotics Borough Bronx with the execution of a search warrant at in the Bronx. Detective Guzman and Detective Larsen were assigned to secure the rear of the location with approximately nine unidentified officers from the 44th Precinct Module. Detective Guzman was unable to identify any of the officers present in the backyard of the location besides Detective Larsen.

When they entered the backyard the officers yelled, "Police! Don't move! Let me see your hands!" There were more than 10 people in the backyard who appeared to be hanging out. Everyone complied. No one attempted to flee. Detective Guzman immediately handcuffed an unidentified black man and took no further actions while in the backyard. Detective Guzman could not recall any additional information regarding the pedigree of the individual he handcuffed. A photograph of the was shown to Detective Guzman. However, Detective Guzman did not recognize to the individual he handcuffed and the could not recall seeing any weapons in the backyard. Detective Guzman could not recall whether the other officers had any issues with the other civilians in the backyard. Detective Guzman recalled the all of the civilians were compliant. Detective Guzman also recalled that the civilians were upset and yelled while they were temporarily detained.

Detective Guzman did not see any officers with guns drawn besides the bunker and bunker security. Detective Larsen did not point his gun at any of the civilians in the backyard. Detective Larsen did not punch any of the civilians. Detective Guzman did not see any officers dragging or otherwise using force against an elderly male. Detective Guzman did not interact with any other civilian other than the one male he handcuffed. Detective Guzman did not use force against any individuals in the backyard. Detective Guzman did not hear any officers using profane language during this incident. Detective Guzman, Detective Larsen and the remaining officers secured the backyard and awaited additional orders while the search warrant was executed. After approximately an hour, the individuals in the backyard were released and Detective Guzman left the location. The interview concluded at 9:12 a.m.